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HIGHWAY CABLE BRIDGE
KEP, NORTH VIETNAM
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A HIGHWAY CABLE BRIDGE LOCATED ON A ROUTE 1A BY-PASS ROAD APPROXIMATELY 2.5 NM NORTH OF KEP.

2. BACKGROUND:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT THE KEP HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SONG THUONG [REDACTED] WAS DESTROYED BY U.S. AIR STRIKES IN OCTOBER OF 1965. ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF CROSSING THE SONG THUONG IN THE KEP AREA HAVE INCLUDED AT LEAST TWO FORDS, A FERRY, AND NOW A CABLE BRIDGE.

3. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS A CABLE BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OVER THE SONG THUONG AT UTM XJ333722. AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF CABLES SPAN THE RIVER, THE CABLE ANCHORAGES ARE COVERED WITH EARTH, AND THE APPROACHES ARE STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION. AN ACTIVE FERRY CROSSING WITH A FERRY BOAT IS OBSERVED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YARDS WEST OF THE CABLE BRIDGE.

[REDACTED] REVEALS THAT DECKING HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CABLES AND THAT THE BRIDGE APPROACHES ARE NOW SERVICEABLE. A

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TRUCK IS OBSERVED TRAVELING SOUTH ON THE SOUTH APPROACH, SUGGESTING
THAT IT HAD JUST CROSSED THE CABLE BRIDGE.



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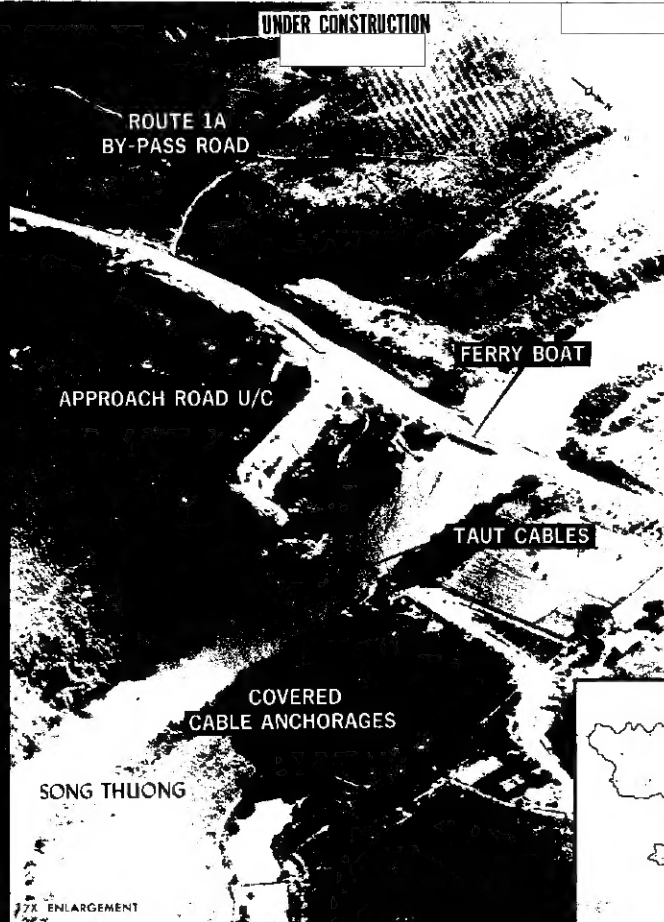
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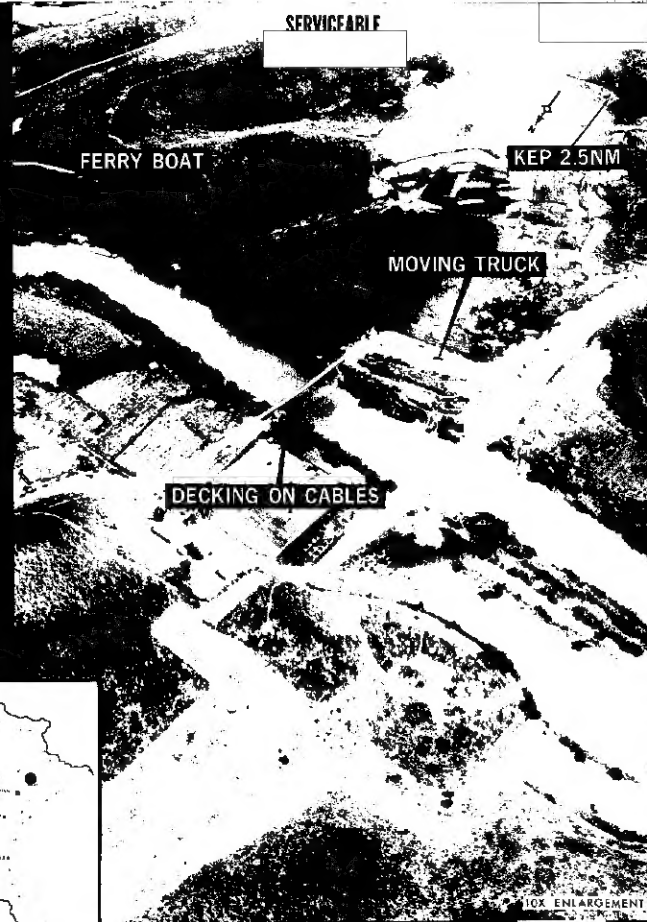
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